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April 1, 2003 LB 210, 724

SENATOR CUDABACK: The motion to adopt was successful. Back to discussion of the...Mr. Clerk, there was nothing else on the bill? Back to discussion of the bill itself to advance to E & R Initial. Open for discussion. Seeing no lights on, Senator Jensen. He waives the opportunity to close. The question before the body is the advancement of LB 724 to E & R Initial. All in favor of that motion vote aye, and opposed nay. The motion before the body is to advance LB 724 to E & R Initial. Have you all voted who care to? Record please, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 34 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of LB 724.

SENATOR CUDABACK: The motion to advance was successful. Mr. Clerk, next agenda item.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 210 was a bill introduced by Senator Bromm. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 10 of this year, at that time referred to the Business and Labor Committee. The bill was advanced to General File. I do have committee amendments.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Bromm, you're recognized to open on advancement of LB 210.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you very much, Mr. President. LB 210...I need to give a little bit of history, I think, to the body, or some of those, perhaps, at least, that weren't here last year. It's a bill that would propose quite a policy shift and change in the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Act. Last year, in the 2002 session, I introduced a somewhat similar bill, LB 1185. That bill also came out of Business and Labor Committee, and was on Select File when we ran out of time. I then filed this bill, LB 210, this year, with the language that we had on Select File last year, and also included an amendment which had been adopted at that time, offered by Senator Beutler, which is in the bill, and went back to hearing before Business and Labor. The motivation for introducing such a bill is very clear. It is to attempt to clarify, and what I would say, establish a fairly definable line between agricultural employers and employees who are required to be covered by the workers' compensation